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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified patent application the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of the documents is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) as it is after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Action or Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, a fee is required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(p). A Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

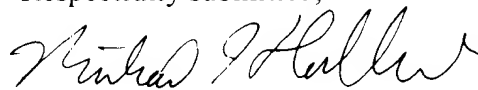
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